

PAGES \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Box \_\_\_\_\_

Folder # \_\_\_\_\_

Fon # \_\_\_\_\_

***BEST COPY***

***AVAILABLE***

JAN 9 1963

Approved For Release 1999/09/17 : CIA-RDP75-00149

## Coordinator Named for Cuba Policy

CPYRGHT

Associated Press

The Kennedy Administration set up special machinery yesterday to handle future policy toward Cuba.

Sterling J. Cottrell, a veteran Foreign Service officer who formerly headed a task force on the Viet-Nam question, was named coordinator of government activities dealing with Cuba. He was given the title of Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

Assisting Cottrell will be Robert A. Hurwicz, a State Department officer who played an important role during the Cuban crisis.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said that Cottrell "will serve as a focal point for the development, coordination, recommendation and execution of approved policies with respect to Cuba."

"Other Government agencies will designate appropriate officers to work with the coordinator in the discharge of his responsibilities."

The Defense Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Treasury will be among the agencies involved in the new setup, White indicated.

Yesterday's action represents an attempt by the Administration to coordinate more efficiently its varied activities concerning Cuba.

U. S. policy makers foresee a long and difficult task in trying to isolate and put pressure on the Fidel Castro regime without undertaking a military invasion of Cuba. But they regard it as a prime foreign policy task in this area.

White indicated that the new arrangement for handling Cuban affairs is related to the formal windup of the Cuban missile crisis, which occurred Monday night with submission of a joint U. S.-Soviet statement to the United Nations.

The official conclusion to the U. S.-Soviet dispute paved the way for a return to the U. S. policy of treating the Cuba question as a Western

FOIAb3b